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## GLENDALÉ RECEIVES STORM READY DESIGNATION

**GLENDALÉ, Ariz.** – What is the only natural disaster never to have hit Arizona?

Many outside of our great state may think that is an easy question to answer. However, Arizona has experienced every type of natural disaster with the exception of a tsunami.

Whether wind, rain or heat, Glendale emergency management officials are continuously working to ensure that our community is ready for whatever type of emergency comes our way and was recently named as a StormReady community by the National Weather Service (NWS.)

StormReady is a nationwide community preparedness program, sponsored by the NWS that recognizes communities who develop plans to handle all types of severe weather, from wind storms to extreme heat, as well as alert and educate citizens of potentially hazardous weather conditions.

Certain standards must be met in order to be recognized as a StormReady community. These include 24-hour warning points, such as weather radios, and an emergency operations center to monitor and receive severe weather forecasts and warnings; a system for disseminating information to alert the public of hazardous weather conditions; community programs to promote public readiness; and a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes trained severe weather spotters.

Glendale is one of only eight cities in Arizona and one of only 584 cities/communities nationwide to be designated StormReady. For information about how to make sure your family or business is ready for an emergency, visit

[www.glendaleaz.com/emergencymanagement](http://www.glendaleaz.com/emergencymanagement).

**PHOTO OP - Ken Waters, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, from the National Weather Service will present the StormReady Certificate to the Glendale City Council during the Tuesday, Aug. 26 Glendale City Council Meeting.**



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